

**Town of Williamsport
Mayor & Council Minutes
March 8, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Williamsport Mayor and Council was held on March 8, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Williamsport Town Hall.

In attendance were:

Mayor James G. McCleaf II
Assistant Mayor Tony Drury
Council member Tearza Knode
Council member Joan Knode
Council member Timothy Fraker
Council member James Kalbfleisch
Council member Monty Jones
Town Attorney Edward Kuczynski

Also Present – Donnie Stotemyer, Town Clerk

Mayor James G. McCleaf II called the meeting to order.

Mayor James G. McCleaf II asked all in attendance to stand for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Assistant Mayor Drury to accept the minutes of the February 8, 2010 Regular Meeting, the minutes of the March 1, 2010 Planning Session, seconded by Councilman Jones, with all voting in favor, motion carried.

Financial Reports

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilwoman T. Knode to accept the February 2010 Financial Report as presented, with all voting in favor, motion carried.

Guests

Mayor James G. McCleaf II introduced Chris Shupp of Boy Scout Troop #8. He was present in working towards a merit badge.

Correspondence

Mayor James G. McCleaf II read a thank you letter from First Sgt. Paul Kines of the 115 En Co (WVARNG who is currently stationed in Iraq. He thanked the Town of Williamsport for their generosity and kindness in providing care packages to the 115th En Co. He stated that these items are taken for granted at home and are sure appreciated over in Iraq. Mayor McCleaf stated that these care packages were made up by volunteers during the Town's July 4th celebration.

Mayor James G. McCleaf II read a letter from Big Brothers & Big Sister's requesting that the Mayor and Council participate in this year's Bowl for Kid's that is scheduled for Sunday, April 18th, 2010 from 11a.m. to 5:00p.m. at Turner's Dual Lanes. Mayor McCleaf challenged the Town of Boonsboro in a game of bowling for this event. The Town of Williamsport has a slot reserved for 4:00 p.m.

Mayor James G. McCleaf II read a thank you from Toby Frevert, Springfield Middle School Student, who spent a day on the job with the Town of Williamsport.

Mayor James G. McCleaf II read an invitation to participate in the 143rd Sharpsburg Memorial Parade scheduled for Saturday May 29, 2010 at 1:30p.m. Parade participants should plan to line up in the Sharpsburg Elementary parking lot by 1:00p.m. The deadline to enter is March 5, 2010.

Mayor James G. McCleaf II read a thank you card from Town of Williamsport resident, Mrs. Beth Clipp. Mrs. Clipp wanted to thank the Town employees for the great job they did removing snow during the snow storms in February. The new snow removal program that has been recently implemented is really working out great.

Mayor James G. McCleaf II read an invitation from the Nick Adenhardt 5K Run. This event is scheduled for June 12, 2010 at 8:30a.m. at the Marty Snook Park.

Mayor James G. McCleaf II informed the Council that the next scheduled meeting of the Washington County Municipal League is Monday, March 22, 2010. The meeting will be held at the Williamsport Red Men Lodge. Social Hour begins at 6:00p.m. followed by dinner at 6:45p.m. This event is being sponsored by the Town of Williamsport.

Reports

No Board of Zoning Appeals report for the month.

Mr. Jerry Knode of the History and Museum Board reported that the Museum will be closed for the next couple weeks but the Grand Opening is scheduled for Easter Sunday.

Mayor James G. McCleaf II reported that the Land Use Committee will meet on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 6:00p.m. at the Williamsport Town Hall.

Town Attorney, Ed Kuczynski, reported that the Sheetz store appeal was heard last Wednesday at the Maryland Special Court of Appeals. It will be at least 30 – 60 days before a decision is written.

Councilwoman T. Knode reported that no Code Enforcement is scheduled for the month of March. The next scheduled Code Enforcement Meeting is Monday, April 5, 2010 at 5:30p.m. at the Town Hall of Williamsport.

Councilman Jones gave the February 2010 Sheriffs report.

Council Reports

Councilman Kalbfleisch reported that the Maryland Energy Administration is offering an incentive to buy Energy Star appliances beginning in April 2010. The Town of Williamsport will be receiving \$1,457.00 to rebate citizens in the Town who purchase Energy Star appliances.

Councilman Jones thanked the Town Employees for the great job they did removing snow during the snow storms. He felt the new snow plan worked out great.

Assistant Mayor Drury reported that he has been working with Mr. Bruce Logan on coordinating Bike Night 2010.

Councilwoman T. Knode reported that she is working with the Williamsport Days Committee on this year's Williamsport Days Event scheduled for August 28 & 29, 2010.

Councilman Tim Fraker reported that the Maryland Department of Health Permits have been filed with the State of Maryland Health Department for the pool. He also reported that the Pool Committee is working with Swimkare on

the baby pool project. He informed the Mayor and Council that they are looking into prices for replacement of the diving board. A meeting with the pool employees is scheduled for May 13, 2010 to prepare for the opening.

Councilwoman J. Knode reported that she is currently working with the Barn Use Committee preparing a Barn Rental Application for use of the Springfield Barn. She also reported that the Civil War Reenactment Event is scheduled for July 9, 10 & 11, 2010. A meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2010 at 10:30am to discuss plans for this event. Councilwoman Knode also stated that the painting of the Town Hall is coming along well and that pictures from the Museum will be placed on display there when work is completed. It is their hopes to make Town Hall an extension of the Museum. She also reported that the walking program around Town will be starting sometime in May.

Mayors Report

Mayor McCleaf II reported that the Town Employees did a great job removing snow. Donnie Stotelmyer, Town Clerk, attended a seminar on snow removal reimbursement that was held at Allegheny Community College in Cumber Land, MD. The seminar was sponsored the Governors Office, FEMA & MEMA. The Town of Williamsport is expecting to receive 100% reimbursement from the State for costs incurred from snow removal.

Mayor James G. McCleaf reported that the National Park Service will start in early spring rebuilding the 3 mile section of Big Slackwater. On Saturday, March 6, 2010 Mayor McCleaf reported that he attended a C & O Canal Association meeting and Williamsport was the featured event. He also reported that Senator Cardin's and Senator Mikulski's office are working with Town Officials to apply for Federal Money for restoration of lot 44 Railroad Lift Bridge and the Aqueduct. The Mayor also reported that he had spoken with State Senator Donald Munson and the fiscal budget for 2011 and 2012 will be extremely tight.

Unfinished Business

Mayor James G. McCleaf II reviewed with the Council the application for permit to use the Springfield Farm Barn in the Town of Williamsport. Section's of the application that were reviewed included the, terms of agreement, granting of license, security deposit, use fee, term of license, condition of premises, compliance with laws, smoking, alcoholic beverages, music/entertainment. Decorations, provided equipment, insurance for special organized/fund raising events, insurance generally, supervision, hold harmless/indemnification, authority/general agreement, assignability, notices, miscellaneous. A motion was made by Councilwoman J. Knode to adopt the Rental Agreement for Permit to Use Springfield Barn in the Town of Williamsport, Maryland, seconded by Assistant Mayor Drury, with all voting in favor, motion carried.

New Business

Mayor James G. McCleaf II reviewed with the Council a membership application to join the Washington County Chamber of Commerce. Mayor McCleaf explained the benefits of belonging to the Chamber as well as promoting the Springfield Farm Barn and the Town of Williamsport. A motion was made by Councilman Fraker, to join the Washington County Chamber of Commerce for a 2 year period, seconded by Councilman T. Knode, with all voting in favor, motion carried.

Mayor James G. McCleaf II held discussion concerning the Town of Williamsport's trash contract that will expire in June 2010. The Town of Williamsport will need to begin to re-bid the trash contract in the next month so the Council can review the bids and award it prior to the termination of the existing contract. It was discussed that a Form Agreement for the contractor to sign should be included in the bid packet. At the April Workshop the Council will review the bids spec and it will be put out for bid after that.

Mayor James G. McCleaf II then informed the Council that W.F. Delauter has requested a 30 day extension on Project #1, Contract #2. MDE has been informed of the request.

Mayor James G. McCleaf II informed the Council that the Williamsport's Volunteer Fire Company is sponsoring the Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 3, 2010 at 10:00am at the Byron Memorial Park in Williamsport.

Mayor James G. McCleaf II informed the Council that opening day for Conococheague Little League is scheduled for April 3, at 10:00am; the front of the Byron Memorial Park will be closed.

Citizen Participation

Mr. Frederick Robinson of 17 E. Church St. thanked the Town for the great job they did removing snow. He requested that the Mayor and Council consider changes to the current zoning laws which would include not allowing industrial businesses within the Town limits, no new section 8 housing, do not permit any new 24/7 businesses within the Town limits, medical facilities, and any new establishments that serve alcohol. He also discussed the traffic and trucks in the Town and his concerns about the traffic pattern at the Sheetz Store and inquired if the State Highway Administration had been notified about this. He also thanked the Mayor and Council for the great job with the C & O Canal and hopes things keep moving forward.

Town Resident, Walter Williams, asked the Mayor and Council to look into the problems with the dump trucks from Hetzers Quarry which are carrying shale speeding through town at all times of the day. He asked that this matter be looked into as far as what restrictions were placed on this at the time the permit was given. Town Attorney, Ed Kuczynski stated that they should have a mining permit which would be under the jurisdiction of the State of Maryland.

Washington County Commissioner Kristen Alshire reported that the State of Maryland is blocking off payment to municipalities from June 2010 to June 2011. He also reminded everyone about the Boys & Girls Club opening at the Byron Memorial Park in the Community Bldg on Tuesday March 9, 2010 from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. The Washington Government is starting up a Council of Governments, which would include 1 representative from each municipality. The first meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 226 of 100 W. Washington St., Hagerstown Maryland. He also stated that the Democratic side of the Maryland House of Delegates is considering reinstating some of the Highway User Funds that were taken from the municipalities. He also commented on the C & O Canal Big Slackwater restoration and stated that he was never opposed to this project. He then spoke about the implementation of county-wide recycling program. Commissioner Alshire then commented that he appreciated the great job the Town did on snow removal and that he will also assist the Town with the problem of the truck traffic going through the Town of Williamsport. He then explained to the Mayor and Council the new Washington County Tax Differential Tax Plan and how the County plans on implementing this plan.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Kalbfleisch, seconded by Assistant Mayor Drury with all voting in favor, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donnie Stotlemeyer
Town Clerk
Town of Williamsport